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New York, Dec. 15.—A Paris correspondent cables that M. Jean Berlier, a famous civil engineer, has published his studies relating to the projecting tunneling of the straits of Gibraltar, thus connecting Spain and Morocco. He estimates the cost at \$24,000,000.

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Fighting Renewed

Gen. Methuen's Forces and the Boers Again Engaged at Modder River.

Cronje's Account of Monday's Battle—Burghers' Losses One Hundred.

Fight Near Orange River—British Casualties Four Killed and Eight Wounded.

New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

"Croakers and pessimists have had the field ever since it was known that General Methuen had retired from his advanced position after waiting over night in the hope that the Boers would evacuate their rifle trenches and allow him to convert a drawn battle into a victory.

"There was a feeble rally of credulous optimists for a few hours, while a stock exchange rumor was current that Lady Smith had been relieved and ten thousand prisoners had been taken by Buller, but

steadily deepened as the full extent of Gen. Methuen's losses were revealed and the cold, hard truth was discerned that the Highland Brigade had been entrapped like Gatacre's force while seeking to surprise the enemy, and slaughtered without having a soldier's chance of winning a victory.

"From every London and provincial journal came a loud outcry—for more troops, another division at once, and fresh army corps behind it, and if necessary, every man to the front in order to retrieve national disaster and

Restore British Prestige throughout the empire. One panic-stricken journal warned the ministers that they were likely to be confronted with a widespread agitation like that which arose during the Crimean war. Military writers lost their self-possession and advised the abandonment of Kimberley to its fate, the withdrawal of Methuen's force to the Orange River where it could go to the rescue of Gatacre, and defensive tactics in general until a second and even a third army corps could be sent to South Africa.

"They failed to print the true moral of this week's disasters, which is that fresh troops are not wanted so much as generals capable of directing them cautiously and effectively against a wary and ingenious foe."

The situation is Not in Reality so Desperate as either leading writers or amateur strategists imagine. Lord Methuen's army has not been crushed nor ought there to be serious difficulty in protecting its line of communication which is protected by not less than ten thousand troops.

"The chief danger is that Kimberley may be overwhelmed by the victorious Dutch force and Methuen's army left in the air without an objective or a move. But the Boer commanders have been slow to follow up opportunities hitherto, and

Seem Incapable of conducting offensive warfare. "Gen. Methuen's repulse coming after Gen. Gatacre's reverse, may increase disloyalty and foment civil war in Cape Colony, but so long as Mr. Hofmeyer and Premier Schreiner remain in office, these effects will be minimized."

WESTERN BORDER.

Another Fight In Progress at Modder River—Boer Accounts of the Battle on Monday.

Pretoria, Dec. 12.—The following official announcement has been made: "Gen. Cronje reports that yesterday there was a sharp fighting all day, when the heavy cannon fire was resumed. The Scandinavians stormed a difficult position, but it became untenable, and they suffered severely.

"I was unable to send help. The British were in overwhelming force, but must have had at least 2,000 men per cent of accuracy either killed or wounded."

Another official report from Gen. Planhans says: "There were no signs of surrender. The burghers fighting with conspicuous bravery and maintaining their positions under heavy British fire.

"Our losses were of very little use. The British were greatly assisted by balloons.

"Twenty-four ambulances were working backward and forward between the fighting line and the enemy's camp. Our loss is not definitely known. I estimate it at 100 killed and wounded."

A telegraph operator at Modder River writes: "Gun and Maxim fire has been proceeding since 5.30 this morning. It is not known whether the operator refers to the fighting on Monday or to renewed fighting on Tuesday.

Another Fight. London, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from Modder River says the firing reported by a telegraph operator was a resumption of fighting between General Methuen's forces and the Boers.

ENGAGED NEAR ORANGE RIVER. Our Losses Were 1 Officer and 3 Men Killed—Lieutenant and 7 Men Wounded.

London, Dec. 15.—A war office dispatch, dated Orange River, Thursday, 14th, says: "Yesterday part of the mounted infantry, with the Yorkshire and Lancashire guides, reconnoitred two miles east of the Orange River, where a sharp engagement with enemy ensued.

"Capt. Bradshaw and 3 men were killed, and Lieut. Grosvenor and 7 men wounded. The enemy lost 5 killed and several wounded.

Repulsed at Mafeking. Pretoria, Dec. 15.—It is officially announced that Mafeking, of Mafeking, was bombarded on December 10th. Sharp fighting occurred.

The Boers attacked the British post at Mafeking during the night of December 10.

After severe fighting the Boers were repulsed by Symans's Fort.

Fighting Near Kimberley. London, Dec. 15.—The war office has a dispatch from Col. Kekewich, dated Kimberley, December 10th, saying: "The Boers have re-attacked Kuruman and have again been repulsed by loyalists and Bechnamas.

"The Kimberley forces made a demonstration northward on December 9th, and drew 500 Boers and three guns. "Fighting ensued for several hours. "The British casualties were one man killed and seven wounded."

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gram, were arrested last night charged with conspiracy in connection with the Garnot election case.

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heavily; they confessed that aloud by the fact that, for all their pluck in standing up to their guns, they made no attempt to follow us home. Second, and more important, this commando was driven

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Could Not Compromise

City Council and Angeles Ferry Promoters Fail to Agree.

The By-Law is Abandoned—Breach Was Too Wide For Healing.

As a result of a conference held last evening between the mayor and attorney and President Cushing and Attorney Trumbull, of the Port Angeles Eastern Railroad Company, it may safely be said that Victoria's chances of obtaining ferry connection with the city across the straits are, for the present at least, dead.

After discussing the provisions of the amended by-law, Mr. Cushing stating his firm objection to several and agreeing to waive, for a time, one of them, a discussion ensued as to the amount of subsidy to be granted by the city. Some of the aldermen asked Mr. Cushing whether, supposing the by-law as originally submitted was agreed to, the company would be willing to accept less than \$17,500 a year. To this Mr. Cushing was not at first prepared to give an answer, but finally was understood to say he would not.

In turn he asked if the council would be willing to give more than \$8,750 a year if the original by-law was adhered to, and when Ald. Beckwith stated that for himself he would not be prepared to agree to giving \$2,500 a year, it became apparent negotiations were at an end.

Mr. Trumbull then bid good-bye to the mayor and aldermen and made a characteristic address to individual members who have been opposed to the terms of the company and the conference came to an end, perfect good feeling being expressed and the visiting promoters being escorted to their boat by several members of the council.

With the exception of Ald. Brydon the full board was present, his worship taking the chair and Mr. Cushing and Mr. Atkinson being early in attendance. After the proceedings, which took place in the committee room, the mayor said that matters stood just the same as at the last meeting, it being understood then that nothing should be done until this conference was held and then President Cushing assured the council that any rumors which might have been current as to the Port Angeles Eastern road not having been financed were absolutely without foundation. He had expected his directors would have been out earlier than this, but owing to the rainy weather they had been delayed. He might say that as far as the P.A.E. road was concerned the financial question was satisfactorily disposed of. The by-law as amended was of no use to them, however, and unless the council was prepared to amend it and make the provisions less stringent the company could not entertain the proposal. The special services objected to were the double service daily and the compulsory building and ownership of the boats in Victoria. As to the bonus, that might possibly be talked about later.

The question of the speed of the boats coming up, Mr. Cushing said his company desired to have the passenger boat capable of developing 18 miles an hour, instead of 12 knots.

Ald. Hainsbury and others said that 18 miles an hour would be plenty and then the question of daylight or night service was discussed, the general desire being that the trip by the ferry should be in the day time. This, it was pointed out by Mr. Cushing, depended upon the transcontinental connections and about this he could promise nothing. It depended entirely upon the railway company's arrangements.

Sub-section D, providing for the construction, registration and operation of the boats in Victoria and the purchase of stores here, Mr. Cushing said he could not entertain under any consideration.

As to the expropriation of the cost of the company of land for a railway line, if the ferry lands at any point outside of the business portion of the city, no objection was held by the Port Angeles people.

On the matter of the number of directors, the city had insisted upon three of a board limited to seven being appointed by the council, and one of them the mayor of the city. Attorney Trumbull argued that no good reason had been shown why the city should insist upon that and he could readily conceive how the operation of the company might be hampered thereby. The company would be bound to comply with the by-law and breach of the provisions of that by-law would be allowed without the bonus being cancelled.

The mayor pointed out that this was not in accordance with the experience of the municipality, instance the Jubilee Hospital board, but Mr. Trumbull argued that there is a vast difference between charitable institutions and business organizations. Following up the discussion he mentioned that the provisions in general gets us to the membership of representatives of the council on the board was because the conditions were dependent upon acts subsequent, not acts precedent, as in this case. The bonus depended upon the company performing certain services, failing in which the company received nothing. If they failed it would be a matter open and notorious and did not depend upon an examination of the books of the company.

Mr. Bradburn pointed out that it might be easy to obey the letter, but not the spirit of the by-law and by giving a ferry service at an inconvenient time reader it of no value to the people of the city.

Around this question the discussion waged for some time, it being pointed out by Mr. Trumbull that close connection might be insisted upon in the by-law, but then it was asked what was meant by the term close connection.

Mr. Bradburn said it might be that no

better connection might be given by the ferry than is now given to Vancouver, where passengers arrive at 8 a.m. and have to kick about and eat meals until 2 p.m., which is most objectionable. Finally, after much more talk about the subject, the conference broke up.

President Cushing said he thought it would be better to allow that clause to hang as it was, and it accordingly went over.

When clause M came up, insisting upon absolute freedom from wharfage charges, Mr. Cushing could not agree to it. It was true that freight by the car ferry would be free of wharfage, but it might be that the steamer might land at some other wharf than their own, in which case the wharfage would have to be paid for by the consignees. It might be that arrangements would be made with Mr. Dunsmuir to land freight at his wharf. The company could not accept that clause.

Some discussion followed, one or two of the aldermen being of opinion that the matter was small, as it referred only to broken lots and not to car loads, and others insisting that the provisions of the by-law should be complied with.

Then Ald. Williams broke in with the suggestion that the discussion of these minor points was unnecessary; the main point was the question of subsidy, and with this Ald. Cameron fully agreed. But it was urged by other aldermen that the business way would be to agree upon the terms of the contract and then decided upon how much the city was willing to pay and the company to accept.

"Would you be willing, Mr. Cushing," asked Ald. Kinsman, "to take out these objectionable clauses and accept less than \$17,500 a year for twenty years?" This question was not answered directly, but Mr. Cushing said he would not take the original by-law and accept \$8,750 a year.

It seemed at this point that the conference was going to break up without any more ado, but much more talk was to follow. Mr. Cushing mentioned, for instance, that they could not accept the condition of 18 miles an hour with a wooden boat, the speed could not be made.

This company had learned this from the Moran Bros., of Seattle, and from the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco.

As to the extra cost of two trips a day in place of one, Mr. Cushing said, "speaking of it as roughly as he could," it would be about \$75 a day.

"Wouldn't you, Mr. Cushing," said Mr. Mayor, "be in a better position to make an offer of this kind to the people of Victoria when you have your rail road built to Port Angeles and you have your transcontinental connection?"

"Oh, I don't know that we should be. That is a stand the people of Victoria might take," answered Mr. Cushing.

"If they waited until then," said Ald. Williams, "wouldn't we be in the same position as we have found ourselves in with the G.P.R.?"

Then Ald. Stewart wanted to know again whether, if all the clauses objected to were struck out, would the company accept less than \$17,500, but no definite answer was given. "Ald. Hayward did not think it a reasonable question, the only way to deal with it in that way would be to revert to the original by-law and say to the company, 'here is your by-law, what will you take?'"

Then Mr. Mayor changed the question a little. "Supposing, Mr. Cushing, the council was willing to adopt the original by-law, would you be willing to entertain a proposition in regard to subsidy?"

"I don't know," replied the president of the company, "that I am prepared to answer that question to-night."

Another term was given to the matter by President Cushing asking whether the council would be willing to give the company more than \$8,750 and adhere to the original by-law.

To this the mayor said it was hardly a fair question, but Ald. Beckwith was much more outspoken and said he would not be willing to give the company \$2,500 and adhere to the original by-law.

This seemed to settle the matter, and President Cushing said it appeared there was nothing to be done but for him to thank the aldermen and go home.

Mr. Cushing also said he could not accept any modification of the original by-law, and the discussion drifted again to other matters, such as the question of whether the insertion of other provisions would do anything to protect the interests of the city.

Ald. Beckwith and Ald. Macgregor got into a little dispute about the merits of the drafting of the original by-law, which was productive of nothing new and finally Attorney Trumbull rose and said that he and Mr. Cushing had to catch the boat, and it appeared the pleasant relations hitherto existing between themselves and the council were about to end. He did not think the aldermen were consulting their best interests, but he hoped they would always remember they had his and Mr. Cushing's best wishes, and he trusted that sometime in the future the scales would fall from their eyes. Mr. Mayor, like

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Russian Troops Preparing in Case of War With Japan.

Details of the terrible death dealing earthquake which visited Ceram—meagre particulars of which were reported in these columns on the arrival of the Miowena—were brought by the R. M. S. Empress of India. The following is Java Bode's account of the recent earthquake and tidal wave.

"On the clear still night of 29th and 30th September last at about 1:40 a.m., we were awake from our sleep by a heavy horizontal earthquake in the direction N. E. and S. W. which lasted about one minute. A half an hour later the water streamed forcibly into the Bay of Ambona, without however submerging the land. The tidal wave only stopped at 7 a.m. There was little damage at Ambona. The postholder at Ambonah was slightly wounded, but other officials escaped. The provinces Pambouy, Samasore and Makariki are entirely laid waste. The two former had a population of about 1,700 souls, of whom only about 100 remain alive. The beach was strewn with corpses. In Elipapoth Bay the tidal water must have been some metres high, as it went over some fairly high trees, sweeping all before it, so that the coast now is a mud pool. A lot of people from Saparua who were there for the sugar harvest lost their lives. Those who escaped have dreadful stories to tell. One man said bodies had been found without heads and the suspicion exists that they were beheaded after death by the Head-hunting Hill Alfures, another said a body had been found on the top of a sugar palm, and a third had stories to tell of bodies swallowed by sharks.

"Great lumps of stone came out of the sea with the tidal wave.

"At Hatososa over 100 are killed and 40 wounded. The bulk of the people have fled to safer regions.

"There is a panic amongst the people on account of the hill tribes.

"The Postholder Macross was inland at the time of the earthquake, and owes his life to that fact. He reports scented sulphur fumes both at sea and on land on about 30th September.

Other details go to show that the combined sea and earthquake was very widespread, but that the greatest damage was in and about Elipapoth Bay."

Yesterday the Times reported the preparations being made by Japan as told by the Japanese press. Here is an account of the Russian military movements as told by the correspondent of the N. C. Daily News at Peking. He says: "The Tshundli Yamen received the other day a dispatch by courier from the Tartar general of Kirin (Central Manchuria) to the following effect: Officers commanding mounted patrols in the vicinity of the coast reported that a ground force of over 30,000 Russian troops took place in October at Possiet Bay, before the governor-general of the Amur territory, warring up with a shem battle in which 20,000 men attacked a strong, fortified position held by the remaining portion of the army corps. These troops had been quietly mobilized, coming from various parts of the territory, including those at Vladivostok, an operation lasting only four days. The manoeuvres began in the first week of October and lasted about three weeks, and although apparently completed the troops are still staying in their encampments, as if waiting for orders. As these warlike operations took place so near the Chinese borders a dispatch was sent from Kirin to the Russian general in command at Possiet Bay asking the meaning of the mobilization. The answer was as follows: 'Preparing for invasion of Japan.'"

That the situation is very serious in Japan is shown by the warlike tone of the Japanese press. The Japan Mail in the course of a long article, says: "In the Far East we know that Russia is striving to gain a foothold in Corea, and that if this she is being strenuously opposed by Japan. Japan evidently sees plainly that she will have to come to

blows sooner or later, and Japanese papers have expressed regret at the fact that Great Britain, whom they regard as the policeman of the Far East, should at the present time be engaged with the South African campaign, as they fear that Russia may take advantage of this that Japan will be deprived of British aid in opposing her advance. It is asserted by some, and probably with more than the proverbial grain of truth, that a secret understanding or agreement exists between Great Britain and Japan to the effect that in the event of the latter being engaged in a war with Russia the aid of the British fleet will be forthcoming."

A Korean correspondent of the Kobe Herald says: It may sound absurd to hear of Corea adopting a strong foreign policy, but such is said to be the case. Buffeted and oppressed in several ways by strong powers, Corea has obtained a good training in diplomacy. As is the case with a tyro on any subject, this initiation has emboldened her; and she has gained greatly in her diplomatic dealings. The opinion of a conciliatory policy won't do for her, she thinks; she might rather present a firm front, and only make compromises according to circumstance. It is exceedingly likely that Corea has acted in pursuance of this policy in several of her recent diplomatic dealings. Apparently this new departure has been crowned with success, as witness the negotiation about the Chinese-Corean treaty, and probably her attitude towards Russia's demand concerning the mining of the land. The Ulung affair in connection with Japan, and so forth. Emboldened by the success Corea has apparently decided to try a similar policy in regard to what she considers an obnoxious nuisance from which she suffers—mixed residence of foreigners in the interior. Anyhow the government is reported to have issued strongly-worded orders to local governors to strictly prohibit the purchase of land in the interior by foreigners, to prevent foreign vessels calling at non-treaty ports for the purpose of loading or unloading goods, and to act similarly in regard to other matters. It goes without saying that the enforcement of such orders will be felt more heavily by the Japanese than by any other nationals. He that as it may, as Corea appears bent on pursuing this peculiar diplomacy, power dealing with her ought to bear in mind the fact that for the present this is her hobby—and that it might be better to respect it.

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The final Manitoba government crop bulletin issued by the agricultural department reduces the August estimate of the wheat crop from 33,000,000 bushels to about 28,000,000. The principal reason of shrinkage was a period of drought in August when the wheat was sowing and the ravages of the Hessian fly.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be for they make her feel like a different person, so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

The Emperor of Russia has probably a finer hunting forest than any other living sovereign, but he has not time to fish it often. The name of the forest is Bjelowsch, kaja Puschteh, and it takes 1,500 foresters to take care of it. It is in this forest that August the Strong was nearly killed by a bear in 1705.

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News of the North

Home Bird Convicted of Murdering His Partners on the Yukon.

Steamers Still Running on Lake Bennett—Improvements at Skagway.

Two steamers arrived on the Sound yesterday from Skagway and ports. These were the City of Seattle, and Al-Ki. They bring news that five or six men arrived at Skagway December 10th from Dawson. They left Dawson November 17th and walked nearly all the way, but rode a few stations with mail teams. They report the trail good in places. Lake LeBarge and Lake Bennett are both open yet. Lake Bennett is frozen up about a mile out from the head, but they have a channel cut through the ice about twenty feet wide. The staunch little steamer Alpha, which is owned and operated by Capt. Armstrong, is still running on Lake Bennett. It is thought by many that she will be able to run until Christmas. Captain Armstrong has formed a company and they are building two large steamers this winter to run on the lake or the upper Yukon river next summer.

Steamers are still running on Lake Bennett from the upper end of the lake as far as Caribou. Some ice has formed on the lake shore, but it is unsafe for travel. Most of the prospectors who have arrived here to go over the ice are consequently held up. It will be at least two weeks before the ice on the river will be in shape to travel on. At several particular bad places on the river the Canadian Development Company have cut winter land trails, following in a general way the river. Meats and beds at the post houses cost \$2.

The White Pass & Yukon railroad has commenced an extensive system of water front improvements. These improvements will centre around Moore's wharf. The railroad company has commenced driving piles to secure 4,000 additional feet of wharfage. The probable cost of the improvements will be about \$50,000 to \$60,000. They will include coal bunkers, with a capacity of from 1,000 to 1,500 tons. The tracks are to be extended along the shore side, where a system of derricks will also be constructed and several new warehouses will also be built.

The sensational trial of J. Homer Bird, of New Orleans, charged with the foul murder of his two missing partners, J. H. Hedding and R. H. Patterson, on the Yukon, eighty-five miles above April, over a year ago, has terminated in a conviction of the accused. The trial was held at Juneau before Judge Johnson, of the United States district court. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, Tuesday night, December 12th.

Bird heard the verdict with a cold indifference. Throughout the long trial the prisoner maintained an outward display of almost unparallelled coolness. He reported, however, to have broken down completely on meeting his faithful wife, when she, accompanied by their child, visited him in his cell after the announcement of the verdict. The meeting is said to have been most pathetic.

Though Bird had got all intent and purpose deserted by wife for a woman named Nora Strong, upon whose testimony he was convicted, he was convicted, the wronged but faithful wife followed from New Orleans to Juneau, where she was in attendance on the trial from the day of its beginning.

Jealousy of the Strong woman and a quarrel with his partners regarding a dividend of their outfit and other property is supposed to have led to the murder. The evidence tended to show that a third partner, Charles Shaffer, had supplanted Bird in the affections of the woman.

Shaffer was also a witness against the accused. He, too, it is said, narrowly escaped being murdered by Bird.

Sentences were imposed Saturday, December 9, by Judge Johnson on convicted Alaska prisoners as follows: A. Frank Temple, assault and attempt to wound, six years at McNeil's Island, this state; Indian Jack, five years; Indian Harry, three years; James Carroll, of Dyea, murder, second degree, twenty years; Chas. Johnson, known as "No Account Kid," one year for petty larceny. Carroll the twenty-year man, is now 40 years of age.

Capt. W. J. Rant, who has been pining recorder and stipendiary magistrate at Bennett, resigned and quit the service on December 1, and is in Skagway on his way to his home in Victoria.

Capt. DeBrissay, of Victoria, and for the last several months chief of police in the Athol district, succeeds Mr. Rant.

According to reliable reports the promoters of the Chilkat railroad have selected Skagway as the coast terminus. This will practically kill the town of Dyea. The line will be built around the base of the mountains separating Skagway and Dyea. The terminals will centre at the foot of State street in Skagway. Sylvester's wharf will afford the needed water extension.

The report that indictments had been brought against eight members of the Seattle business men's excursion for theft of the totem pole is confirmed. Their names were as follows: N. H. Latimer, George H. Higbee, Edgar B. Piper, Rev. John P. D. Lloyd, J. W. Clise, E. F. Blaine, George W. Fischer and Thomas W. Prosch.

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The London Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Shanghai: "It is reported here that the British and other ministers at Peking have agreed to a revision of the Chinese customs tariff on condition that a joint foreign and Chinese board shall be applied to control the expenditure and the extra revenue."

The body of Fred. Hargrave, aged about 45, a farm laborer, was found on the prairie, Winnipeg, on Wednesday. Death evidently resulted from exposure.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15, 5 a.m. A winter storm is central off the Washington coast, with decreasing temperature and snowfall north of the Straits and Sound. The storm will probably move to the eastward, its further progress being retarded by the very extensive high area now over the Northwest, the barometer reading 30.90 at Edmonton, with a minimum temperature of 32 degrees below zero.

Forecasts.

Victoria and vicinity—Northerly winds with snow, followed by gradually clearing and colder weather.

Lower Mainland—Northerly winds, with snow and colder weather.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.40; temperature, 32; minimum, 31; wind, 20 miles N.; snow, .08; weather, snowing.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.32; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, trace; weather, snowing.

Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles S.; snow, half inch; weather, snowing.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.12; temperature, 31; minimum, 8; wind, 30 miles W.; snow, .20; weather, snowing.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 12 below; minimum, 16 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 29.38; temperature, 34; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .32; weather, rain.

Tacoma—Barometer, 29.45; temperature, 38; minimum, 26; wind, 22 miles N. E.; rain, .24; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 56; minimum, 48; wind, 24 miles S. W.; rain, 1.14; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Use Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

—Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, and see the new line of toys and bring the children with you; it will delight them and please you.

—The man on the street corner advertises his wares by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying "HONDI." Ask all those friends of yours who use it.

—At the third of the series of Advent organ recitals at St. John's church to be given Sunday next after evening, Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Russell, Miss Edith Carter, and Mr. Cave; solo violinist, Mr. Ernest Powell.

—The sad intelligence has been received from Toronto of the death in that city of Mrs. A. Hope Chubb, who was the wife of the chief photographer of the law courts of Ontario, sister of Mr. Dan McLachlan, and sister-in-law of Mrs. Geo. Herd, of this city. The deceased lady has been ill for a considerable time. She was a devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed.

—U. S. Commissioner of Public Lands Hermann, according to special advice from Washington City, has just decided an important question governing placer mining upon the beach of Behring sea, off the coast of Alaska, at and near Cape Nome. He holds that the tide lands in the district of Alaska are not public lands, subject to disposal to individuals under any existing laws of the United States, and that the department has no statutory authority to make concessions to individuals of any mining rights pertaining to such tide lands.

—The extremely popular farce-comedy "A Hot Old Time," comes to the Victoria theatre on Monday night. It was one of the most pronounced hits of last season. For the present tour everything is new and of an exhilarating character. A notable gathering of comedians, dancers and lyric artists make up the comedy organization. The grace, beauty and chic of the performance is furnished by a host of attractive young girls. In fact, the three acts of "A Hot Old Time" fairly blaze with vocal and terpsichorean novelties and unique specialties. The play itself holds the record for containing more laughs than all other farce comedies combined. Prominent in the company are John Jess, Ada Henry, Ada Melrose, John and Bertha Green, Paul Beave, Herbert Prime, William Finley, Jack Darlington, Frank Hodges and the greatest of all novelty dancers, Anny St. Tel, known throughout the East and all Europe as "The Bounding Antelope."

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—The City Council will meet in session this evening to discuss additional appropriations for street and other work.

—Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

—Xmas presents and fancy goods. Twenty per cent. discount on fall millinery. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

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—A handsome British flag is offered by Aid. Hayward for competition among the pupils of the public schools in military drill, the prize to be won by the two classes, boys and girls. The first contest will take place next week.

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—The First Presbyterian church will present the patriotic opera on Monday evening next. Rehearsal this evening at 7.30 p.m. prompt. Further particulars regarding this important musical function in to-morrow's issue.

—Attorney-General Henderson received a deputation of Victoria West citizens yesterday in regard to Craigflower road matters and promised careful consideration of their request that the government should declare that road a public highway.

—C. L. Page won the first prize at last evening's whist tournament in the J.B. A.A. club rooms, securing eight out of eleven games. W. Moresby and N. Hardie captured three out of eleven and cut off, with the result that Mr. Moresby obtained the "booby."

—The meeting of the commissioners of the Esquimalt license district, summoned for this morning, was not held, the sitting being adjourned until the 30th. The reason of the adjournment was the failure, presumably through bad weather, of the applicants to appear.

—The Boys' Brotherhood, lately organized in connection with the Universal Brotherhood movement, held a meeting last evening, when after the usual routine business was disposed of generally, exercises and drill were gone through. Next week the members will debate the question, "Which are the most effective, naval or land fights?"

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—Lewis J. Lewis, of Edwardsville, Lazear county, Pennsylvania, writes to his worshipful the mayor begging for information, if any be obtainable, of the writer's son, Thomas Lewis, whom he describes as a young man, 5 feet 8 inches in height, dark complexion, a miner by occupation, who left home six years ago and has not since been heard from. His parents are aged and almost heartbroken.

—The local Mansion House fund committee met yesterday afternoon and decided to send a draft for £150 to London. This leaves a hand an amount sufficient for the making of necessary alterations to the doors of the Drill Hall should the militia department insist upon this being done. A resolution was passed deciding that the committee shall not disband at present, there being a probability of other patriotic movements before the close of the Transvaal war. The committee consists of W. Ridgway Wilson, chairman; A.M. Hayward, secretary; and Senator Tompkinson, Mayor Redfern, Col. Gregory, T. R. Smith, T. E. Pooley, R. Jameson, H. Keut and C. H. Lugin.

—After the regular weekly service at Emmanuel Baptist church last night, a farewell social was tendered to Rev. H. H. Saunders, who has relinquished his work at Saanich, and is proceeding to New Brunswick to return to his old pastorate. After the refreshments had been enjoyed, Rev. J. B. Hastings, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church, referred to the happy relations that existed between him and the departing minister, and spoke of the service rendered by Rev. Mr. Saunders to Emmanuel church during the interim that elapsed was with a pastor. Mr. W. Marchant also spoke as chairman of the Baptist Mission Board. He said he regretted the departure of Rev. Mr. Saunders and incidentally mentioned that three other Baptist ministers were leaving their charges in this province, Rev. J. S. Stevens, of Mount Pleasant, Vancouver; Rev. C. N. Mitchell, of Chilliwack; and although it has not been definitely decided, it is thought that Rev. J. N. Williamson, of Chemung, will also depart from the province.

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DEATH OF E. J. GRAY.

A Well-Known Victorian Killed by a Flying Boat in a Bennett Mill.

The sad news reached the city last night of the death at Bennett on the 24th of November of Mr. E. J. Gray, who went North to superintend work for the B. L. & K. Co. Mr. Gray was killed instantly in the Partridge mill on the date named.

The particulars are given in a letter to Mr. Noah Shakespeare received this morning, which is self-explanatory. It is dated Cariboo Crossing, November 30th, and is signed by Otto Partridge. The writer says:

"Mr. E. J. Gray, who has been in charge of my mill in this neighborhood since he left the service of the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company last month, has frequently mentioned your name as one to whom he was indebted for many kindnesses and as knowing himself and family well. "This must be my excuse for asking you to undertake a very painful task. "It is with the deepest regret that I have to communicate to his friends the sad news of poor Gray's instantaneous death from an accident in the mill yesterday morning (November 24th). A rough board was caught by the saw and whirled backward with terrific force, striking Mr. Gray, who was sawing, full on the temple, and killing him instantly. There was absolutely no hope of life, and though everything that could possibly be done was attempted, it was soon seen to be in vain. "I came down here by small boat last night to summon the coroner from Tagish police post and as soon as the inquest is concluded, will take his body to Skagway from where if no contrary instructions should come from Victoria, I will forward it to Victoria. "After asking Mr. Shakespeare to break the sad news to his family the writer said: "I can only add that he commanded the liking and respect of everyone here and sorrow at his death is universal. "Mr. Partridge also says that he lived and died not only a professional but an acting Christian; that he constantly endeavored to check profanity and unbelief among the men, and that he assisted in the little Sabbath observances which his employer and wife instituted. The deceased was born in London, Eng., and came with his parents at an early age to Chicago. The family afterwards went to California and later came to Victoria. His father was Samuel Gray, who conducted a mill at the corner of Government and Discovery streets. Last spring Mr. Gray went to Athol to fit up a boat for Capt. Irving, afterwards going to Mr. Partridge's company. "He was for many years superintendent of the Centennial church, Sunday school and a prominent worker in church departments. "He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his death. He was about 40 years old. The remains will come down on the Danube, which is due here on Tuesday. "Drill Hall concert to-morrow evening. Excellent music, great "extras."

—A concert was given at Duncan's on Wednesday evening on behalf of the Mansion House fund, at which Mr. W. A. Robertson, M.P.P., presided. An excellent programme was rendered and nearly \$400 realized.

—What will probably be the first noted in the municipal calendar will be struck next week in Victoria West, where a public meeting will be held, the special object of which will be the ventilation of matters affecting that suburb.

—The case brought by the mate of the bark Theobald against six men, principally from the ship Coriolanus, at Esquimalt, for stealing money and clothing from him, was withdrawn the same afternoon upon the culprits returning the stolen property.

—During the agitation in Victoria West over the Craigflower road matter last summer, it was repeatedly urged, especially by a reverend advocate of suburban rights, that if the city would not deal fairly by the district efforts be made to induce tradesmen to establish businesses there, to which the people would divert their trade and thus make their indignation felt in a tangible way. The suggestion seems to have been promptly taken up, for shortly afterwards a drug store was opened by Mr. Hitt, and a dry goods establishment by Westcott Bros. A third addition to the trading facilities of the district was opened last night by Mr. Fred Henderson, who has started a store in which all dry goods staples are carried, on the Craigflower road, nearly opposite Mr. Redding's grocery.

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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Shipping men were just getting anxious for the steamer Bloemfontein due some days ago at Seattle from Honolulu, when news was received from the island via San Francisco that she was there with a broken shaft. The telegram which is dated at Honolulu on December 4th, reads: "Bloemfontein arrived this evening, November 29th, with broken shaft. Will repair here; sailing for Seattle December 9th." Just how she made Honolulu in the face of this mishap the message does not state, but the accident was not such as to long delay her at the island metropolis for she is supposed to have sailed from that port for Seattle December 9th. The vessel sailed from Newcastle October 22nd. She had a cargo of coal from Honolulu at which port she arrived just 20 days later, despite her accident. The Bloemfontein is a modern freighter, built in 1892. She is 310 feet long, 40 ft. 5 in. breadth of beam, 17 ft. 5 in. depth of hold, with a gross carrying capacity of 2,745 tons.

On the arrival of the Sound steamer a few days ago the customs officer noticed one of the firmen coming ashore with a bundle under his arm, and being a watchful servant of Her Majesty's customs, he stopped the freeman, and asked what he had in the parcel. The man of color said the parcel contained some dirty clothes, his washing in fact. The ever suspicious customs man, though, wanted to satisfy himself that there was no contraband in the bundle, and asked the freeman to unroll it. Then a number of dirty shirts, some greasy, oil-stained jeans and sundry other articles of wearing apparel were exposed to view, and rolled up in one of the shirts was a bottle of whiskey. "Halt," said the customs man. "What is this?" The freeman thought a minute, and then, with a sudden inspiration, came the reply, "That's my nightcap."

The regular monthly meeting of the Alaska Steamship Company's Association was held at the office of the C.P.N. Company in this city last night. Representatives of the following companies were present: P.C.S.S. Co. W. & A. S.S. Co., C.P.N. Co., A. S. S. Co., and Humboldt S.S. Co. A. Nettleship having resigned his position as secretary, F. Dimick, of Seattle, was appointed in his stead. Matters of general interest were discussed with reference to the business for the coming season and the meeting adjourned to meet again at Seattle on January 2. The representatives of the Puget Sound companies returned home by the steamer Umetilla last night.

A letter received from Ketchikan tells of unusually severe storms which have been raging since the middle of November. Several vessels, particularly the steam schooner Sea Light, were roughly handled. This vessel had a load of machinery for Doll Head, and while lying at Ketchikan she broke from her moorings and dragged her anchor all over the narrows, barely missing going to pieces on the rocks.

Steamer Walla Walla will sail for San Francisco to-night at 8 o'clock from the outer wharf. Those booked to sail from here by her are as follows: F. W. Holmes and family, Lieut. Tomkinson and wife, W. W. Holling, C. J. Packham, Miss Kane, Mrs. J. Evans and daughter, Miss V. Brant, J. Hyland, W. M. Aspen, T. Harris, McLeod party, W. P. Bolton, C. Borque, W. Sullivan, Bulter E. Shaw and Jas. Steele.

Ship Bohemia, which arrived at San Francisco late Friday evening from the Fraser river with salmon, came near going on the rocks at Fort Point, says the News-Advertiser. The wind was very high when she attempted to make the harbor, and failed her altogether when she was once inside. She commenced to drift stern forward toward the rocks, and the skipper looked in vain for a tug. Almost at the last minute a puff of wind carried her out of danger.

The whaler Mermad, wrecked off Dutch harbor and brought in there by Capt. White, of the wrecked steamer Laurada, is to be brought down to be repaired and placed in commission to run from Cape Nome in the spring. Capt. White, with a crew to man the vessel, is to sail on the steamer Portland, which will shortly sail from Dutch harbor with coal for the A. C. Co. at Dutch harbor.

The Japan Tea Exporters Company in its market report says that the total shipments of tea across the Pacific for the season of 1898-9 were as follows: For New York and the East, 9,933,328 pounds; Chicago and the West, 12,340,815 pounds; Canada, 12,265,007 pounds; Pacific Coast, 4,362,089 pounds; total, 29,931,239 pounds.

The French ship Louis Pasteur, now out 131 days from Limerick, for San Francisco, is believed to have been lost and 25 per cent. reinsurance is offered on her. She is known to have been in a fearful storm with the ship Blanca, which was lost.

Tug Magic arrived yesterday afternoon with the schooner Fred J. Wood in tow. The Wood will load props for Santa Rosalia at Esquimalt. The tug did not return to the other side this morning.

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ing, the captain preferring to wait until the weather was clearer.

R.M.S. Warrimoo will sail for Honolulu and Australian ports late to-night. Among those booked from here are R. Seabrook, vice-president of the firm of P. Rihet & Co., who is going to Hawaii to recoup his health, and incidentally to look into the doing of more business with the islands. Miss A. Williams is also going on a trip to the islands. Other passengers are John Marks, W. B. Jones, A. W. Hume, L. R. Crampton, C. E. Featherstone, B. Groobrich, F. R. May, S. E. Webster, O. M. Harkness, G. P. Brown and G. Darren. The steamer will load 4,000 cases of salmon at the outer wharf. She will be filled to the hatches when she sails, a heavy cargo of overland freight having been loaded at Vancouver.

Steamer Toyn Maru, chartered by Deaswell & Co. to carry a cargo of salmon from Skerston, arrived at the quarantine station this morning from Honolulu. She made a long passage from the islands, rough weather having been encountered throughout. She will not come in to the outer wharf, going to the Fraser river direct from the quarantine station.

A dispatch from Monterey, Cal., says the flagship Wasp, with Admiral Beaumont on board, and the cruiser Phaeton, arrived there on Monday en route to South America. The flagship is a salaried of twenty-one guns on entering the harbor. The Fort Halleck guns responded.

Servon slips County of Cardigan and Killarney are in the Royal Roads ready to sail for England. The Killarney has on board 57,000 cases of salmon. The County of Cardigan has 50,000 cases of salmon and 75 tons of ore.

Steamer Umetilla arrived about 10 o'clock last night from San Francisco. She had 98 passengers in all, 24 of whom departed here. She landed 43 tons of freight consigned to Victoria merchants.

Steamer Willapa will sail for Naas and way ports to-night. She will call at Kitchikan on this trip. Few passengers have been booked for her. Among them is Miss Edwards, bound to Alert Bay.

A dispatch from San Diego says the British gunboat Pleasant and the sloop of war Icarus arrived there on Wednesday and were to sail to-day for Acapulco.

The operator at Otter Point reports that a two masted steamer, with a yellow funnel, painted black, in ballast, and a steam collier passed in this afternoon.

Schooners Carlotta G. Cox and Vera are still in the bay. They did not get away partly on account of the bad weather and partly because it is Friday.

After taking a cargo of naval stores around to Esquimalt the steamer Maudie left this morning for Comox to bring a cargo of coal for the C.P.N. Co.

Steamer Tazewell is due on the Sound from San Francisco. She has been released from the United States transport service.

Steamer Charming did not leave Vancouver until 2 p.m., the train having been delayed 45 minutes.

Steamer Victorian is again in service on the Sound route.

On Wednesday evening one of the largest gatherings that have been held for years assembled at the Agricultural Society's hall, the occasion being the annual ball and supper of the society. There were over fifty couples present. The hall being taxed to the utmost to accommodate the dancers. The supper provided by the ladies of the society was excellent, and in their favor too much cannot be said as the society owes much of its present success to their help. The music was supplied by Mr. Frank Sehl and associates. The V. & S. Ry. Co. ran a special train to accommodate those from the city. It is the intention of the society to hold another dance on the 16th of January.

Owing to the unexpected action of the school board in not allowing the school children to contribute the usual Christmas offerings, the Friendly Help Association is left without the usual Christmas gifts for those who are needy, and looking forward to them. These gifts being in some instances the only Christmas some people have, there will be many sad little hearts left to deplore the action above mentioned. But this need not prevent the children from carrying out their very laudable and charitable intentions, for if they still wish to contribute, the members will be in attendance at the Fr. endy H.C. room, No. 40 Market Hall, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, from 11 a.m. till 4.30 p.m., to receive any donations that kind little friends may feel disposed to bring. Gifts from any friends, as well as from the children, will be very thankfully received.



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Simple Device For Breaking Old Projectiles.

The United States government has been having dealings with the junkman. It has sold an immense quantity of old projectiles in the Brooklyn navy yard to the Penn Iron Works, of Chester, Pa., at second hand rates. These projectiles range in diameter from eight to fifteen inches, the latter being a popular form of cannon ball during the Civil war. In the lot were 646 fifteen inch shells, 2,230 eight inch shells and 6,000 nine inch shells. They were sold to the first buyer at one-half cent per pound, and he disposed of them to the Penn Iron Works at about a cent a pound. Under this arrangement the latter pays about \$3 each for the larger shells—of 300 pounds, and \$1.50 apiece for the smaller.

The projectiles are sold merely because they occupy valuable space. They had no value to the ordinary junkman, because he did not know how to break them up, and it is impossible to melt them in one piece. The man who bought them first broke several pile drivers up on them and finally gave it up in despair. American ingenuity, however, was equal to the task of smashing them. A genius employed by the Penn works hit upon a novel way of doing it. He will arrange the shells with the fuse holes upwards and wait for cold weather. When this comes he will fill them with cold water. This will freeze. When water freezes it expands with terrific force. The expansion will smash the shells as if they were so many walnuts. This powerful method of exploding the shells resembles the turning of a sword into a pruning blade, the popular simile of the poets. It may also point the way to some ingenious inventor who wishes to discover a cheap application of force. Perhaps the ice-power engine will be developed as a result of the experiments at the Penn Iron Works.

When the government announced that it was going to sell the shot many Grand Army posts passed resolutions of regret. They declared that they should be reserved as relics. Thereupon the secretary of the navy offered 1,000 eight inch shells to any Grand Army man who would call for them and each shell weighs 150 pounds it is not an easy thing to tote around. The secretary waited for a long while and not a single one of the shells was ever called for. He wrote again to the Grand Army posts, renewing his offer, but without any result—Exchange.

A RELIC FACTORY.

One is in Operation Near Gettysburg Battlefield.

According to a factious Gettysburg man, who has just returned from Gettysburg, there is hidden away in the woods, a mile or two from the battlefield, a relic factory. It is a two-story building of brick, 80x100 feet, twenty-nine hands are employed in it, and the weekly payroll averages \$300. The value of this year's production will not be far from \$20,000, an increase of 40 per cent, over that of last year. The relic factory was only built in 1898. The production, the Gettysburg man says, consists of old bullets, old cannon balls, soldier buttons, buckles, swords, pieces of bone and sabretaches, all of course, of a very ancient and worn appearance. These are the cheaper products. There are besides, in the finer and more costly lines, "relics" bound through by bullets, love-letters burnt by powder, and stained dark with blood, skulls with big leaden balls lodged neatly in the eye sockets or jaw, and the full uniforms, properly punctured and blood-stained, of all the officers slain upon the battlefield. The factory makes nothing in advance, thus avoiding overstocking. It only runs on orders, and by night the customers call for their goods. They are the innkeepers, the grocers, the saloonkeepers, bakers and real estate men of the town, and when ever it is moonlight they may be seen distributing the rare relics cautiously and judiciously over the field. Visitors there now are more numerous than they used to be. It is no longer usual to poke about all day without unearthing

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Here's the case of Miss Alida Rivard, Emerson, Minn., who says: "Last winter I contracted a bad cold which stuck to me in spite of the different remedies I tried. The constant coughing reduced me so that I was almost a skeleton. A friend told me Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup would cure me so I bought it. I would try it. The first bottle helped me so much I continued its use until I had taken three bottles in all, which completely cured me. I have recommended this remedy to dozens of my friends."

so much as a single bullet, and tourists appreciate this change—Philadelphia Record.

GREAT TRANSMISSION PLANTS.

A Michigan company proposes to carry a current of 40,000 volts 90 miles, to Allegan, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Jackson, the last named of which is 90 miles from the dam. In the plant of the Southern California Power Company, built to carry electricity to the city of Los Angeles from a dam in the Santa Ana river above Redlands, a current of 33,000 volts is carried 81 miles.

The Kalamazoo Electric Company was organized two years ago for the purpose of converting the power of the Kalamazoo river into electrical energy and transmitting it to the surrounding towns. A dam has been built that will give a head of 32 feet, it being operated now at 19 feet. The lines to Kalamazoo, over 20 miles away, and to Allegan, nearly five miles from the dam, have been completed, and are in operation, at present at a pressure of 25,000 volts. The voltage will be increased to 40,000 when the line to Jackson is completed, so that the talk about snatching the laurels from Southern California may be premature.

The dam is provided with all modern improvements. There are eight turbines of the Lefel horizontal pattern, aggregating 3,000 H.P. The generator is a three-phase alternating current dynamo of an improved type. Its voltage on full load is 2,300, and its rated capacity in amperes on each phase is 571. Its rated horse-power is 2,500, but the electrical ratings would indicate more power than that, and in the tests the machine showed up well under a load of 2,700 H.P.

There are three mammoth transformers, 4 feet in diameter and 9 feet high. The current enters them at a pressure of 2,300 volts and leaves them at a pressure of 25,000 volts. The pressure of this secondary current is eleven times as great as that of the current entering the transformers, but the quantity of current or number of amperes is only one-eleventh as great, and it can therefore be carried over the long lines on a much smaller wire than could a larger amount of current at a low pressure. This is the object of all transformer systems.

The transformers are of two kinds. The step-up transformer is one which converts a large current of electricity of comparatively small difference of potential into a small current of comparatively great difference of potential. The step-down transformer is one in which a small current of comparatively great difference of potential is converted into a large current of comparatively small difference of potential.

The long distance transmission of electricity through the conservation of power in mountain streams has cheapened greatly the cost of electrical energy to the consumer. The field in this direction will doubtless be extended considerably with the storage of water in the mountain districts, primarily for irrigation purposes, under national or state auspices—Electricity.

"DEEDS ARE FRUITS."

Words are but leaves. It is not what we say, but what we do that counts. The many wonderful cures effected by this medicine are the fruits of it that should be judged. These prove to be the great, unequalled remedy for dyspepsia, rheumatism, sciatica, salt rheum, catarrh and all other ailments due to impure or impurified blood.

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LES DAMES DE LA HALLE.

The market women of Paris became the terrible Vests, the drunken Bacchantes of the new god Liber. It is they who foment every uprising, small or large; it is they who drag the men into their wake; it is they who set the national militia in motion; it is they who place themselves between the royal guard and the pseudo-patriotic home; it is they who lead the attack on the partisans of order and paralyze their defence. The men kill more or less in a fair fight; they massacre. It is they, who, on October 17, 1789, invited the Parisians to the sound of the drum to come and see the heads of the two bodyguards (Desbarras and Varigny), which they had brought back from Versailles and were exhibiting at the Palais Royal.

It was the journey to Versailles that virtually settled their position with regard to the revolution. Carlyle, like many French historians, was under the impression that it was their first attempt to get into the presence of royalty by force, in order to ask for bread, although he believed that "bread" was only a war cry. The day after the next, almost exactly eighty years before, it was made on March 3rd, 1790, but on that day the market women did not get further than the Sevres bridge; they were driven back to Paris to the sound of the drum. Some of the elder "Marianne" may have heard the tale from their grandmothers, and remembered it on that October morning when they made up their minds to march to the royal capital.

The second time they had better luck, and they were, moreover, enabled to bring their hands at parliamentary debating—according to their figure. It is, after that, the revolution, for its own purposes, welcomed them with open arms; it bestowed the "patriotic medal" upon them. The mother had given them the privileges of speaking their minds; they had occupied the boxes on the Queen's side of the theatre at all the gratuitous performances during the eighteenth century; they had been re-

ceived in disputation by royalty on all public occasions. The revolution went further than that. It gave them the place of honor at all its festivals; at the so-called "banquets" of the "civic picnic" the market women were crowned in the principal boxes, and in the "banquets" of the "civic picnic" they appeared on the stage, dancing some revolutionary round and the frantic applause of the audience. Practically they already overshadowed the Third Estate; but that was not sufficient for them, and when, in 1798, the eloquent Marquis de Lafayette came to France, he was carried to the convention in order to vote the death sentence on Louis XVI. He demanded the admission to the primary assemblies of every matron and girl having reached her majority, there the market women, began to form clubs. The "Societe des Femmes Republicanes et Revolutionnaires," the "Societe des Amies de la Constitution," spring into existence, the market women constitute half the members of the Club Fraternal, which is held on the floor above the club of "Les Amies de la Constitution."—Fortnightly Review.

FOR WIFE PEOPLE.

An Easy Way to Keep Well.

It is easy to keep well, if we would only observe each day a few simple rules of health.

The all important thing is to keep the stomach right and to do this it is not necessary to diet or to follow a set rule or bill of fare. Such pampering simply makes a capricious appetite and a feeling that certain favorite articles of food must be avoided.

Prof. Wilechod gives pretty good advice on this subject, he says: "I am 68 years old and have never had a serious illness, and at the same time my life has been largely an indoor one, but I early discovered that the way to keep healthy was to keep a healthy stomach, not by eating bean crackers or dieting of any sort; on the contrary I always eat what my appetite craves, but for the past eight years I have made it a duty practice to take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal, and I attribute my robust health for a man of my age to the regular daily use of Stuart's Tablets."

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GLASGOW'S LORD PROVOST.

Samuel Chisholm, who has been elected lord provost of Glasgow and lord lieutenant of the county of the city of Glasgow, is the embodiment of all that is progressive in the civic life of the second metropolis in the empire. One of his first official acts was to open the Rev. John McNeill's daily prayer meeting for business men. He is so ardent a temperance reformer that he believes in nothing short of abstinence, and so logical a philanthropist that almost from the first his influence and voice have been for better dress and healthier surroundings. As the civic head he will be expected to entertain on a large scale, and as neither salary nor expenses go with the office, the honor is likely to be costly in the end. But when he lays down the office, he will be Sir Samuel Chisholm, and free of municipal cares, he may seek with greater chance of success the parliamentary votes of the people of Camachie, who rejected him as a Radical at the last election. A teetotalist lord provost is of course a novelty in Scotland, and the experiment is being very closely watched.

In a Texas case, Judge Dillard decides that a mortgage on an unplanted crop is wholly illegal and void.

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Agriculture on Vancouver Island has not, in the past, received the attention which it is entitled to, and which might be expected from the large tracts of arable land which occur at intervals throughout almost the entire length of the country. But while every day is demonstrating more and more the great mineral wealth of that portion of the province tributary to Victoria, the somewhat scanty information regarding its agricultural possibilities is of the most encouraging character.

The attention of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. J. R. Anderson, has recently been more particularly directed to this latter phase of the problem by the receipt of a letter from a gentleman at Quatsino, in which some interesting information is given.

The letter says: "This is a small settlement at present, there being about fifteen or sixteen people occupying land here, but we have a population of about sixty souls including children, and as you are doubtless aware, composed chiefly of Scandinavians."

"Although possessed," the writer adds, "of a fine, mild, equable climate, agriculture, I am sorry to state, has not made much progress amongst us, principally owing to the heavy timber characteristic of this coast. We have, generally speaking, a very fertile soil, and I have never known where the clearing of the land and the tillage of the soil has been thoroughly and efficiently accomplished. Coming from a prairie country, almost destitute of timber, where the soil simply needed to be scratched on the surface and drawn up into hills to produce heavy crops, the majority of the ranchers here, bitterly protesting their lot, and do not appear to understand the necessity of grubbing the soil for a foot or more to get out the roots and boulders in order to raise a crop. Not only does this seem to me to be a sine qua non to successful cultivation, but manuring to some extent seems also necessary in some soils here. It may be that lime, in many instances, is the only element needed. There is limestone in abundance here, but no knowledge as to burning it, to others, potash is wanting, as proved by the marvellous effect a sowing of dry-wood ashes has had. The writer's experience, however, has been that nothing equals the effect of an application of barley manure along with deep and thorough cultivation of the soil. Unfortunately, however, only one or two settlers possess even a cow, so that other means of fertilizing the soil have to be sought for. Now, seaweed can be obtained here in unlimited quantities, and as all the locations at present have been made on the salt water, this can be obtained quite easily. There are very few ranchers who have not a large bed of kelp outside their doors."

"For a long time I have tried to convince the folks here that valuable resources they possess in the shape of this article for manorial purposes. If your department could furnish any printed matter on the subject of manures and their application, I believe they would prove of valuable assistance. The writer has read that in the Channel Islands seaweed is the principal manure used."

"There is, however, an immense area of land stretching from Marble Creek valley to Alert bay on the east coast of the island which does not appear to require the aid of manure, for potatoes have been grown to a profitable size in this valley without the use of any manure whatever. I have seen some weighing two and three-quarters of a pound each."

"The land in question is at present not brought up, and is uncultivated, and would furnish farms for several hundred people. It is drained by Marble creek, which is a large river, with a winding course of 40 or 50 miles to a northwesterly direction, and draining several large lakes. The land, I believe, will be settled upon in the near future."

"The past summer has been a very fine one, but rather too dry for crops. In fact, irrigation had to be practised by the writer, for, to use a homely expression, we could not till a wheat stubble until once during June, July and August. From the appearance of things, however, we are in for a wet spell now, for it is several years since so much rain has fallen here in November. There was a slight frost last month, but not enough to cut down even tender perennials sheltered spots. Last winter the climbing roses on the house walls remained all winter luxuriant in foliage."

A SURE CURE FOR COUGHS.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use With out a Failure.

The first indication of cough is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the coughy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effective. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria, and Vancouver.

Fancy goods in great variety are being opened up every day at Weller Bros. Special importations for Christmas.

FIGHTING RENEWED.

(Continued from page 1.)

the report, which is generally believed to have been started with the object of unloading Kaffirs shares.

Stock Exchange Story. New York, Dec. 15.—London advices says yesterday's report concerning Lady Smith was going up by a clique who were trying to stop a slump in South African shares.

Will Powers Intervene?

London, Dec. 15.—The necessity of England guarding against the machinations of Continental powers is the theme of the Post's military expert in today's issue. He says in part: "The British cause has no friends in Europe; that is made plain by our recent set back, and though foreign intervention is not expected, suppose it should come?"

A Day of Prayer.

New York, Dec. 15.—London dispatches affirm that Queen Victoria has been so deeply affected by events in South Africa, that she has requested that a day of prayer and humiliation be fixed early next month.

FAMINE IN INDIA.

Over Two Million People Have Already Been Relieved.

(Associated Press.)

Calcutta, Dec. 15.—The distress in the famine-stricken districts is becoming more acute. About 2,250,000 have applied for and received relief.

FIRE AT NANAIMO.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—The house occupied by R. J. Wernborn was completely destroyed by fire today. Household effects valued at \$1,000 were totally destroyed. There was no insurance. The building was owned by the British Columbia Land Investment Co., Victoria, whose loss is \$1,200; insurance, \$850.

EVANGELIST MOODY ILL.

(Associated Press.)

West Northfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, has not been so well during the past few days, and complications have arisen which cause much anxiety.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Stock market, morning board. War Eagle, 270, 263; Payne, 103, 102; Montreal and London, 39, 36; Republic, 105, 104; Sales War Eagle, 1,500 at 263; Payne, 1,000 at 103; Republic, 2,500 at 104, 200 at 103, 1,000 at 105.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Sir Charles Tupper left by the Charnier for the capital this afternoon. He was accompanied to the wharf by a number of prominent Conservatives.

The trial of W. W. Petrie for keeping black jack rooms at the Savoy is again postponed, for lack of a judge to hear it.

A GREAT BUILDER. The D. & L. Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a great builder. It gives weight, adds healthy flesh, and overcomes any downward tendency. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., makers.

ONE ON OSCAR.

Mistaken for an Unfair Competitor With White Labor.

While the arbitration in the Chinese cases were in session in Union the evenings were generally spent in the comfortable hotel sitting room, where many good stories were told by the attorneys and others. In the story line Oscar C. Case, official stenographer, managed to keep up his end and in one of his tales he happened to say something about operating a typewriter in the Attorney-General's office. When Mr. Bass had finished his narrative a Nanaimo man said:

"Did you say you sometimes used a typewriter in the Attorney-General's office, Mr. Bass?"

Mr. Bass admitted that he did. "Well," said the Nanaimo man, "that gives me a little light on something that was said to me last winter. A Nanaimo man, who had no friendly feelings towards the provincial government, had occasion to visit Victoria, and while there he called on the Attorney-General. When the man returned he was boiling over with indignation, and his first words were: 'What do you think of that government?' He was going to say so much for the workingman, now I understand it. I saw the man in the jail yesterday. The government was returned. The funeral took place this afternoon."

LOCAL NEWS.

An elder down quill would make a very suitable Christmas gift. Weller Bros. have the stock.

An inquest was held this morning on the remains of the man Grogan, who died in the jail yesterday. The coroner's verdict was returned. The funeral took place this afternoon.

Quang Wah Sing was before the court this morning charged with being in possession of stolen goods, to wit, a box of clothing belonging to another Chinaman. The case went over until the 18th to permit of other witnesses being summoned by the police.

The breakage of a rod in the locomotive prevented the train from Nanaimo reaching the shore street station at noon today. The train got into Russell station, at which point the passengers were transferred to the street cars and brought the remainder of the distance to town.

Mrs. Brennan, recently arrived in this country from the Antipodes, came up from San Francisco this morning and later in the day was taken in charge by the police on account of her strange behavior. She seems to be melancholy, and will be examined by the doctor. She has in her possession a bill of exchange for \$250.

Skagway has 4,000 inhabitants.

Europe's national debt is \$23,000,000,000.

Look at your tongue! If it's coated, your stomach is bad, your liver out of order. Ayer's Pills will clean your tongue, cure your dyspepsia, make your liver right. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c. All druggists.

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COLLEGIATE "BREAKING-UP."

The Christmas Closing Exercises Held Yesterday at Mr. Loring's School.

Christ Church school room was the scene of a very pleasant and successful closing of the year.

John Loring, of Chicago, is a guest at the Victoria. F. W. Howay, of New Westminster, is at the hotel.

Alfred Ruckle, the storekeeper at Beaver Point, is at the Dominion.

S. J. Maxwell, superintendent of the Victoria route, is in the city.

E. A. Morris was a passenger from Vancouver on yesterday's Charnier.

Harry Darling, manager of the Union S. Co., of B. C., is a guest at the hotel.

Mrs. J. A. Fox and Mrs. C. W. Jennings, of Seattle, are among today's arrivals at the hotel.

W. McVane, ex-M. P. of Vancouver, and J. Cameron-Macdonald, of Toronto, spent yesterday at the Dominion.

R. B. Rickett, of R. P. Rickett & Co., will be a passenger by the steamer Warrimoo this evening, bound to Honolulu.

Capt. Arena, of the Libertad, which had such a terrible experience off the West Coast a few weeks ago, leaves to-night for San Francisco.

S. R. Crampton, who has spent the summer in Dawson, is at the Queen's.

He leaves for Sydney, N. S. W., in the course of a few days.

R. T. Ward, manager of the Horseshoe Company's Mines, Cariboo, returned to the city by the sound boat this morning, and left for the hotel.

Chief of Police Sheppard was unable to leave his home today because of indisposition. His duties in the police court were taken by Sgt. Hawton.

J. G. Lang, assayer for the Canadian Central Railway Company, has just purchased a house at Cobble Hill. He is spending a few days at the Dominion.

W. S. Ford, advance agent of the Moore-Roberts company, which opens a five nights' engagement in the Victoria theatre on the 19th, is at the Victoria.

J. A. McNeill, of the firm of Jones & McNeill, returned from the North a few days ago, and came over from the Sound yesterday. He is at the hotel.

Colin Blida, who was injured while attending to his duties in the fire hall a few days ago, is sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the hospital today.

O. S. Robinson and A. E. Murphy, of Dawson, are at the Dominion. Mr. Robinson came down from the North a few days ago, and leaves now over the ice with supplies.

ERRATUM.

The attention of our readers is called to the fact that by a mechanical error the concluding paragraph of the report on page 3 of the council conference with the Port Arthur fire promoters last evening has been transposed to the commencement of the report of the meeting of the Jubilee hospital on page 7.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, caused by a persistent cough, are cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

BRITISH POWER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"So far as can be seen at present Mr. Kruger has unwittingly been doing his best for the imperial interest in falling out with the extent he has done with the Uitlanders and refusing them the franchise."

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